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***Larson Had Role in Safeguarding Spending for First District***

WASHINGTON - The House of Representatives passed the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization conference report for fiscal year 2001 today, authorizing a total of \$42.4 billion over a three year period or \$14.1 billion for 2001, which is \$149 million more than President Clinton had requested. Included in the bill is a \$50 million dollar authorization for further development of Ultra Efficient Engine Technology.

The purpose of the UEET is to produce "cleaner" engines with fewer emissions and far less noise, both of which are issues that interfere with advanced engine production.

A portion of the work involving Ultra Efficient Engine Technology is done by Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford, and spending on the project totals roughly five million dollars for fiscal year 2001 and an additional five million for fiscal year 2002. The UEET program is two years old, having been originally funded in the 2000 budget.

"This program is focused to develop the next-generation of aerospace propulsion," said Larson in May of 1999. "The UEET effort involved bold, revolutionary technologies that must be integrated into a demonstration model engine over the next 5 years in order to validate this technology."

Last year, the original language of the bill stated that funding for the UEET program was prohibited, however, Larson asked the Space and Aeronautics Sub Committee chairman, Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) and other members to clarify the issue. Through a personal effort in dealing with the committee, Larson and

several colleagues were able to change the language of the legislation to include spending on the program.

In comments on the floor at the time, Rep. Rohrabacher said, "